

## **Menomonie Urban Forestry Board Minutes**

**October 16, 2019**

### **Committee Members Present:**

Joe Jax (2.5 hrs)

Bob Giede (4 Hrs)

Mike Schendel (3 hrs)

Cindy Gilberts (2 hrs)

Dennis Kropp (3 Hrs)

**Guests:** Richard Henning, Judy Zimmerman and Randy Eide

The meeting was called to order by Joe Jax, Chair. Roll call was taken by passing around a sign-up sheet and recording volunteer hours. Minutes of the previous meeting were handed out and were reviewed. A motion was made for approval of the September 16 meeting minutes by Dennis Kropp, seconded by Bob Giede, Motion passed.

**Amur Cork Tree Removal: Ordinance Revision Status:** On the October 21, 2019 City Council Agenda for discussion and possible direction. City attorney reviewed the existing ordinance; he states it would be difficult to remove Amur Cork Tree as the ordinance stands.

**2020 Budget:** On City Council Agenda for approval. \$14,000 proposed for Urban Forestry Board in 2020.

2019 Budget Detail Questions:

- Blue Ribbon Reward Entries for: John Johnson and Hampton Inn and Suites.
- Expert Tree Service: Line clearance certification for bucket truck to trim trees (10ft off powerline).
- Shackelton: Contract with the City for hard to reach places.

### **Urban Forester Report:**

- 1) Pruning Update: Haven't started yet.
- 2) New trees coming from gravel bed.
- 3) Tar spots on Trees: Keep leaves clean around tree so it doesn't re-infect itself.
- 4) Through Planting on Main St.
- 5) Gravel bed for 2020 will be larger – 2019 had 36 trees, would like 2020 to have 70 trees. We need to add fencing for the deer. Will need to readjust the watering system as some trees received more water than others. Trees are planted on city property only.

**City Council Report:** Stout Road Update: Council accepted municipal agreement. Applied for a grant for improvement. Stout Road updates include: Safer corridor, allow for safer pedestrian crossing, prevent more accidents. As soon as we hire an engineering firm, there will be public information meetings. Wheel tax: possibly coming, draft a letter for the county for shared deposit. Amur Cork Tree added to agenda. Dumpsters are gone at the landfill, compactors have replaced them, new process is going well.

### **Items for Next Meeting Agenda:**

- 1) Ordinance Review
- 2) Report on Benches (Nancy)
- 3) Other programs we should be entering into

**Next Meeting:** November 20, 2019, 2 PM at the Conference Room in City Hall

**Submitted by: Cortney Cole**